

THE GHOSTLY BRIDEGROOM
AN INCIDENT IN THE LIFE OF TURRENE

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The celebrated Viscount Turrene, in his earlier youth, was a man of pleasure in the innocent sense of that word; it was his constant maxim, that man was formed for two purposes, to be virtuous and to be happy. He did not confine the latter term within the limits of any philosophical theory—he understood happiness as the world, and not as the philosophers understood it. Being of a gay disposition, he gave it free vent; and the levities of his youth were as much the subject of conversation, as the heroism of his maturer years has become the theme of history.

Like many others of that period, the father of Turrene was persuaded that his son would make his fortune at Paris, but with that kind of blindness not uncommon to parents, he expected this desired event by means very little suited to the character and mind of the young Chevalier. Will it be credited, that Turrene was sent to the court of Louis XIV, for the purpose of making his fortune by entering into the Sorbonne?

Accordingly, with ten Louis d'Ors in his pocket, the young Turrene was conducted by his father to the town nearest his paternal chateau, whence the good old gentleman saw his son safely into a provincial stage, and with many blessings left him on his road to Paris.

Turrene, when a few miles on his road, got into conversation with a fellow-passenger; and there being in the vehicle but this gentleman and himself, they soon became as much acquainted as if they had passed the whole of their lives together. Turrene himself was always noted for his candor and plausibility, and the young Chevalier, his fellow-passenger, seemed much of the same character. There were no limits, therefore, to their mutual confidence. Turrene entered into a narrative of his expectations; and his companion, equally communicative, informed Turrene of all the circumstances of his situation.

Turrene learned by this detail that the name of his companion was the Chevalier Dupaty; that he was the son of an old citizen of Blois, and was going to Paris on a visit to a merchant, the old friend of his father, with the purpose of marrying the old gentleman's daughter, Old Monsieur Dupaty and the Parisian merchant had, it seems, been educated together; and though so separated by the events of their future life, they had mutually retained that affectionate remembrance not uncommon in the situations.

The old merchant, whose name is given as Monsieur St. George, had therefore sent an invitation to Monsieur Dupaty, to endeavor to unite their families; expressing in the same letter what he would give with his daughter, and what he should expect the young Dupaty would bring with him. The letter concluded, that if old Dupaty agreed to the proposal, the young Chevalier should be sent with a bag of 500 crowns, and the neophytes were forthwith concluded.

"Have you never seen your intended, Chevalier?" said Turrene.

"Never," replied the young Dupaty.

"Nor the old gentleman?" rejoined Turrene.

"Never, my friend," re-added the Chevalier.

"It will be a singular union, then," said Turrene; "but perhaps these things are not so much the worse for being done blindfolded; fortune may choose perhaps as well as ourselves."

In this conversation between the young friends, passed the whole interval of the journey till their arrival at Paris. It was then agreed between the two companions, that they should stop at the same inn. But scarcely had they reached this inn, and were left alone in their chamber, when a very unexpected incident occurred. The young Dupaty was seized with a violent and dangerous complaint. Whether arising from the journey, or from any other cause, the disease was so severe, and instantaneous in its effect, that Turrene had scarcely time to call for aid before his companion had expired.

There is a help for everything but death. Turrene retired to his bed, and revolved the incidents of the day, and his journey. He was then at an age when the spirit of mischief is supposed to predominate. Turrene rose in the morning, and going to the trunk of the deceased Chevalier, the keys of which Dupaty had given previous to his unhappy catastrophe, he examined the contents; and taking the letters and the bag containing the five hundred crowns, salies forth for the house of Monsieur St. George, having given previous orders for the burial of his friend. It may be necessary to mention, that by the regulations of Paris, every one was required to be buried within twelve hours after their decease.

On coming to the house of Monsieur St. George, Turrene ordered the porter to announce his arrival to his master.

"Who am I to announce, sir?" said the porter.

"The Chevalier Dupaty."

The porter had not lived in the family for nothing; he knew the family secrets as well as Monsieur St. George himself. He eagerly, therefore, hastened to announce what he knew to be most agreeable intelligence.

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